

## 09-326 Office of Public Health

The mission of the Office of Public Health (OPH) is to

1. Promote health through education that emphasizes the importance of individual responsibility for health and wellness;
2. Enforce regulations that protect the environment and to investigate health hazards in the community;
3. Collect and distribute information vital to informed decision-making on matters related to individual, community, and environmental health;
4. Provide for leadership for the prevention and control of disease, injury, and disability in the state;
5. Provide assurance of essential preventive health care services for all citizens and a safety net for core public health services for the underserved.

The goals of the Office of Public Health are:

1. Protect the quality of our physical environment.
2. Reduce illness, disability, and premature death.
3. Elevate the health status of our population.
4. Improve our health care and social environments.
5. Evaluate the health status of our population.

The Office of Public Health performs the functions of the state, which relate to the general health of Louisiana citizens. The OPH fulfills its core public health functions through approximately 35 programmatic and administrative offices. In addition, preventive and primary care is delivered in public health facilities and laboratories in parishes throughout the state (except Plaquemines Parish).

The OPH has evolved to respond to the most pressing health needs of Louisiana citizens, while implementing programs to prevent disease and promote health. This has resulted in many new efforts to prevent the spread of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases, to monitor shellfish waters, to educate the public about health threats, to provide community education on healthy behavior and lifestyle choices and to react to new issues as they arise. The Office of Public Health continues its commitment to protect and enhance the health of Louisiana's citizens by providing a wide range of preventive and primary care services to reduce illness, disability and premature death. In addition, OPH enforces the State Sanitary Code, tests food products, maintains vital statistics and educates Louisiana residents.

The Office of Public Health has three programs: Personal Health Services, Environmental Services, and Vital Records and Statistics.

The Office of Public Health is also committed to tracking and working toward attainment of many healthy people 2010 goals, which are national standards for health status.

## BUDGET SUMMARY

	ACTUAL 1999- 2000	ACT 11 2000 - 2001	EXISTING 2000 - 2001	CONTINUATION 2001 - 2002	RECOMMENDED 2001 - 2002	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$44,327,805	\$41,202,615	\$41,202,615	\$42,451,248	\$37,644,792	(\$3,557,823)
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	15,505,184	17,206,708	17,206,708	17,544,534	16,944,377	(262,331)
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	17,816,957	23,559,954	23,559,954	24,052,518	24,361,634	801,680
Statutory Dedications	3,772,399	6,351,863	6,571,558	6,391,000	6,391,000	(180,558)
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	133,732,652	145,856,075	146,549,188	151,676,910	146,340,293	(208,895)
<b>TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING</b>	<b>\$215,154,997</b>	<b>\$234,177,215</b>	<b>\$235,090,023</b>	<b>\$242,116,210</b>	<b>\$231,682,096</b>	<b>(\$3,407,927)</b>
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Personal Health Services	\$194,842,391	\$207,655,593	\$208,073,879	\$215,225,763	\$206,005,156	(\$2,068,723)
Environmental Health Services	16,410,484	23,359,532	23,854,054	23,653,517	22,589,213	(1,264,841)
Vital Records and Statistics	3,902,122	3,162,090	3,162,090	3,236,930	3,087,727	(74,363)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST</b>	<b>\$215,154,997</b>	<b>\$234,177,215</b>	<b>\$235,090,023</b>	<b>\$242,116,210</b>	<b>\$231,682,096</b>	<b>(\$3,407,927)</b>
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS: Classified	2,107	2,012	2,012	2,012	1,838	(174)
Unclassified	30	16	16	16	16	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,137</b>	<b>2,028</b>	<b>2,028</b>	<b>2,028</b>	<b>1,854</b>	<b>(174)</b>

This agency's recommended appropriation includes \$89,526 for short-term debt, including Lease Purchase Agreements.

In addition to the above recommended appropriation \$115,193 will be paid in Fiscal Year 2001-2002 for long-term debt incurred on behalf of this agency from the previous sale of bonds. Total long-term debt service payments for the state for Fiscal Year 2001-2002 are reflected in the Governor's Executive Budget Supporting Document in Non-Appropriated Requirements, Schedule 22-922.

This agency's recommended appropriation also includes the following amount by means of financing for payments on the unfunded accrued liability of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System in accordance with the provisions of Article X, Section 29 of the Constitution of Louisiana:

State General Fund (Direct)	\$ 2,063,673
State General Fund by:	
Interagency Transfers	559,453
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	892,547
Statutory Dedications	210,376
Federal Funds	4,969,010
Total	\$8,695,059